

November 26, 2018

On this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018, the Coffee County Commission met in a regular meeting in the Commission Chambers in New Brockton, AL at 9:00 AM. Those present were: Kim Ellis, Josh Carnley, Al Britt, Jimmy Jones, Jim Thompson and Tom Grimsley. Dean Smith, Commissioner and Chairman, was presiding with none absent. John R. Morgan, Administrator/Attorney, was also in attendance.

The Chairman noted that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order. Invocation was given by Commissioner Carnley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The John Coffee DAR Chapter of Coffee County presented a bronze marker to the Commission noting that the Elba Courthouse has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Maintenance Supervisor Todd Rugg was recognized by the Commission on his upcoming retirement on December 1, 2018. Chairman Smith presented him with trophy and a resolution honoring him for over 25 years of dedicated service to the County. All of the commissioners praised Todd for his tireless work ethic and vision in the remodeling of the Elba Courthouse as well as other buildings in the County. Marty Lentz and Randy Tindell also spoke very highly of Todd's work throughout Coffee County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Britt that the Coffee County Commission adopt the minutes of the October 22, 2018 meeting. All voted Aye.

County Administrator Rod Morgan requested that the Commission drop retiree's health insurance. Mr. Morgan explained that the County currently does not have any retirees under its plan because the retiree is responsible for the entire premium. But, if any retirees elected the insurance and they did not comprise at least 5% of the County's enrollment; the County would lose its preferred rate. If the County were to lose its preferred rate and be charged the standard rate, the County's health insurance premiums would increase by approximately \$75,000 per year at the current rates. Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Ellis that the Coffee County Commission honor the request to drop retiree health insurance. All voted Aye.

Marty Lentz, County Engineer, presented three resolutions to the Commission that need approval to initiate resurfacing roads:

- Resurface CR114 northerly to CR138 approximately 2.50 miles

- Resurface CR307 from CR306 northerly to the Pike County line approximately 1.50 miles

- Resurface CR315 from HWY87 N. northerly to CR305 approximately 1.65 miles

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission approve all three resolutions. All voted Aye.

County Engineer Marty Lentz requested permission to send out bids for corrugated metal pipe. Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the Coffee County Commission grant the request to send out bids. All voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carnley and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the Coffee County Commission authorize the purchase of six new dump trucks through the ACCA Joint Bid Program and the sale of six dump trucks at the JM Wood Auction in June 2019. All voted Aye.

EMA Director James Brown updated the Commission on the \$32,000 grant from Department of Homeland Security to upgrade a 30 year old communications system used by the Volunteer Fire Department.

Sheriff Dave Sutton thanked Todd for all the work he has done for the Sheriff's Office and the County Jail. He also reminded everyone to be vigilant during the holiday season.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Grimsley to appoint Anthony Cole to the Southeast Alabama Emergency Medical Services Council to replace Sean Gibson. All voted Aye.

The Chairman recognized County Administrator Rod Morgan. Mr. Morgan requested a motion calling for an executive session pursuant to Section 36-25A-7(a)(7) of the Code of Alabama to discuss a matter of trade or commerce in which Coffee County is in competition with other governmental bodies in other states. A motion to go into executive session to discuss a matter of trade or commerce in which Coffee County is in competition with other governmental bodies in other states was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Grimsley. The Chairman called for discussion on the motion and, hearing none, recognized County Attorney Rod Morgan. Mr. Morgan stated that he was involved in the recruitment or retention effort and that, pursuant to the Alabama Open Meetings Act, he was advising the Commission by oral declaration to be entered into the minutes that the discussions would have a detrimental effect upon the competitive position of the Coffee County Commission and upon the location, retention or expansion of a business entity in Coffee County if disclosed outside of an executive session. The Chairman then called for a vote and the votes were as follows:

Chairman Dean Smith	Yes
Commissioner Kim Ellis	Yes
Commissioner Josh Carnley	Yes
Commissioner Al Britt	Yes
Commissioner Jimmy Jones	Yes
Commissioner Jim Thompson	Yes
Commissioner Tom Grimsley	Yes

The Chairman stated that the Commission would not reconvene after the executive session.

The Chairman called the executive session to order.

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Dean Smith, Chairman  
Commissioner District 1

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Kim Ellis  
Commissioner District 2

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Josh Carnley  
Commissioner District 3

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Al Britt  
Commissioner District 4

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Jimmy Jones  
Commissioner District 5

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Jim Thompson  
Commissioner District 6

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Tom Grimsley  
Commissioner District 7